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In re Application of :  
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Application No. 09/478,720 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: January 6, 2000 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)  
Attorney Docket No. SUP-029 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed July 23, 2007, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional application set forth in the amendment filed with the petition.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

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All requirements have been met to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional application under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

However, the issue fee in this case was paid on December 28, 2006. The application issued on August 14, 2007 before the granting of a renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3). In such case, submission of a certificate of correction (along with the \$100 fee) will be required as a condition for granting the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3).

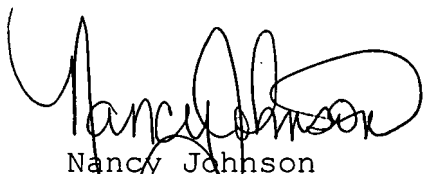
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